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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant calls the Examiner's attention to the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of required documents enclosed, which may be material to examination of the above identified application.

**TIME OF TRANSMITTAL**

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d). This Statement is filed after a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113, after a notice of allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, or after an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits, but before or simultaneously with the payment of the issue fee.

**Certification under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1)**

The undersigned hereby certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of \$180 in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.17(p) or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 19-5117.

**Concise Explanation of The Relevance of Non-English Language Information**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 Applicant submits the following concise explanation of relevance for non-English language information submitted herewith.

- 1) CN1163665A – US Patent 5,933,000 is an English-language equivalent application submitted herewith to fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of relevance.
- 2) CN1343873A- The relevance of the CN1343873A reference is disclosed in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
- 3) JP 4-251214- US Patent 5,068,515 is an English-language equivalent application submitted herewith to fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of relevance.

- 4) JP 07-504828- US Patent 5,291,013 is an English-language equivalent application submitted herewith to fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of relevance.
- 5) JP 10-301153- US Patent 6,018,413 is an English-language equivalent application submitted herewith to fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of relevance.
- 6) JP 2000-074830- The relevance of the JP 2000-074830 reference is disclosed in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
- 7) JP 2001-215343- US Patent 6,351,587 is an English-language equivalent application submitted herewith to fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of relevance.
- 8) JP 2003-084324- The relevance of the JP 2003-084324 reference is disclosed in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
- 9) JP 2006-522938- US Patent 7,248,755 is an English-language equivalent application submitted herewith to fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of relevance.
- 10) JP 63-133035- The relevance of the JP 63-133035 reference is disclosed in the English language abstract submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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